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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7279

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 7013

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SE, KE

SUBJECT: ALLEGED COUNTER COUP PLOT

REF: VICTORIA 0397

1. BOTH NAIROBI DAILIES DEVOTED HEADLINES AND LEAD STORIES
MAY 1 TO ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT IN SEYCHELLES. STORIES
WERE BASED ON BERLOUIS COMMUNIQUE OF PRECEEDING DAY.
INITIAL STANDARD REPORT INCLUDED WITHOUT COMMENT GOS
ALLEGATION THAT 290 TON BOAT WAS IN MOMBASA WAITING TO
TRANSPORT MERCENARIES TO SEYCHELLES.

2. ON MAY 2 STANDARD QUOTED INFORMED SOURCES
TO EFFECT THAT NO SUCH BOAT WAS IN MOMBASA. ASSISTANT
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MWANZANDI TOLD EMBOFF MAY 3
THAT ALLEGATION WAS "RUBBISH." SIMILARLY, BOTH COMMANDER
OF KENYA NAVY AND MOMBASA HARBORMASTER STATED RPRIVATELY
MAY 5 THAT NO SUCH VESSEL HAD BEEN OR WAS CURRENTLY
IN PORT.

3. GOK, HOWEVER, HAS NOT ISSUED OFFICIAL PUBLIC
DENIAL OF PRESENCE OF MERCENARY VESSEL IN MOMBASA
OR OF GOK KNOWLEDGE OF COUP PLOTTINGS AGAINST RENE
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REGIME. EMBASSY HAS AS YET NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEARN
ANYTHING ABOUT SUPPOSED GOS DEMARCHE TO GOK ON SUBJECT.

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